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In re

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“ELECTRIC MACHINE AND METHOD OF
ASSEMBLING THE SAME”

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed March 14, 2005.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-11, 14-31, 33, and 34 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of independent claim 1 and are not the only reasons that claims 1-11, 14-31, 33, and 34 are allowable. Claim 1 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior

art. Additionally, each of dependent claims 2-9 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

Furthermore, independent claims 10, 14, 25, 26, 29, 30, and 33 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art. Additionally, each of dependent claims 11, 15-24, 27-28, 31, and 34 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

As such, claims 1-11, 14-31, 33, and 34 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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